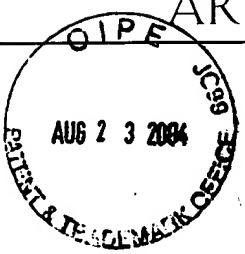


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Examiner: M.B. Sheinberg
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/912,968 filed July 25, 2001
Inventors: Stanton B. DOTSON *et al.*
Title: A Method for Assessing Transgene Expression and Copy Number
Atty. Dkt: 16517.275

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. Response to Office Action mailed March 22, 2004; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is given to charge the statutory fee of \$420.00 for a two-month extension of time to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.275. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.275.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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In reply to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2004 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.